

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-15 as follows:

1. (Original) An infrared-absorbing composition comprising an infrared absorbent composed of a divalent ionic copper compound and an anti-blackening agent composed of a metal salt compound for preventing a blackening phenomenon due to the infrared absorbent.
2. (Original) The infrared-absorbing composition according to claim 1, wherein the metal salt compound making up the anti-blackening agent is a compound of at least one metal selected from alkali metals, alkaline earth metals and transition metals.
3. (Original) The infrared-absorbing composition according to claim 1, wherein the metal salt compound making up the anti-blackening agent is a compound of lithium, sodium, potassium, cesium, magnesium, calcium or manganese.
4. (Currently amended) the infrared-absorbing composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the divalent ionic copper compound is a phosphorus-containing copper compound..
5. (Original) The infrared-absorbing composition according to claim 4, wherein a phosphorus compound contained in the phosphorus-containing copper compound is an alkyl phosphate.
6. (Original) The infrared-absorbing composition according to claim 5, wherein the alkyl phosphate is a compound the alkyl group of which has 4 to 18 carbon atoms.

7. (Original) An infrared-absorbing resin composition comprising an infrared absorbent composed of a divalent ionic copper compound and an anti-blackening agent composed of a metal salt compound for preventing a blackening phenomenon due to the infrared absorbent, which are contained in a resin component.
8. (Original) The infrared-absorbing resin composition according to claim 7, wherein a proportion of the infrared absorbent is 0.1 to 45 parts by mass per 100 parts by mass of the resin component, and a proportion of the anti-blackening agent is 0.01 to 200% by mass based on a divalent copper ion in the infrared absorbent.
9. (Currently amended) The infrared-absorbing resin composition according to claim 7-~~or~~^{or} 8, wherein the resin component comprises a resin having an acetal structure.
10. (Currently amended) The infrared-absorbing resin composition according to claim 7-~~or~~^{or} 8, wherein the resin component comprises a polyvinyl acetal resin.
11. (Currently amended) the infrared-absorbing resin composition according to ~~any one of claims 7 to 10~~ claim 7, wherein the metal salt compound making up the anti-blackening agent is a compound of at least one metal selected from alkali metals, alkaline earth metals and transition metals.
12. (Currently amended) The infrared-absorbing resin composition according to ~~any one of claims 7 to 10~~ claim 7, wherein the metal salt compound making up the anti-blackening agent, is a compound of lithium, sodium, potassium, cesium, magnesium, calcium or manganese.

13. (Currently amended) The infrared-absorbing resin composition according to ~~any one of claims 7 to 12~~ claim 7, wherein the divalent ionic copper compound is a phosphorus-containing copper compound.
14. (Original) The infrared-absorbing resin composition according to claim 13, wherein a phosphorus compound contained in the phosphorus-containing copper compound is an alkyl phosphate.
15. (Original) The infrared-absorbing resin composition according to claim 14, wherein the alkyl phosphate is a compound the alkyl group of which has 4 to 18 carbon atoms.